GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2519
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
VISIT OF CENTRAL TEAM TO POONCH
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team visited Poonch area in February 2002 in pursuance of the Supreme Court order;

(b) if so, the details of persons included in the said team;

(c) whether the said team has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (e): In a Writ Petition filed in the Supreme Court regarding the plight of those who migrated from theborder areas and living in camps due to military built-up along Line of Control/International Border and mining of the border areas, the Apex Court directed that a Central Team should visit the migrant camps and give a report with regard to relief measures which have been taken by the State Government and whether the above relief is actually being provided. Accordingly, Department of Food & Public Distribution in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, who is handling the matter in the Court on behalf of Union of India, deputed a Central Team consisting of a Joint Commissioner from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, a Director from Department of Jammu and Kashmir Affairs and one Under Secretary each from the Department of Food & Public Distribution and Department of J&K Affairs respectively.The Team visited the various camps at Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri and Poonch districts from 10th-12th February 2002 and submitted their report which has been filed in the Hon`ble Supreme Court.The matter is pending in the Court where the State Government is also impleaded as a party.